

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Masuaki OKADA)	Confirmation No: 3844
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Application No.: 10/581,500)	Group Art Unit: 1733
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Filed: June 2, 2006)	Examiner: Emily Ann CHIMIAK

For: BONDING METHOD, DEVICE FORMED BY SUCH METHOD, SURFACE ACTIVATING UNIT AND BONDING APPARATUS COMPRISING SUCH UNIT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 11, 2007, the period for response to which is set to expire October 11, 2007 has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Applicant hereby elects Group I, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-18, drawn to a bonding method;
- Group II: Claim 19, drawn to a product; and
- Group III: Claims 20-39, drawn to an apparatus.

Applicant elects the claims of Group I, without traverse, i.e. claims 1, 3-7 and 9-18, for prosecution in the instant application. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application